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NO. **39980**

SUBJECT: Ho. Kom Tong Sec 6 Trav San Francisco, Cal. **1-3**

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IN REPLYING REFER TO

No.

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
SEATTLE, WASH.
SUBOFFICE: VANCOUVER, B. C.

May 9, 1924.

Inspector in Charge,
U.S. Immigration Service,
Blaine, Washington.



In accordance with instructions received from the Commissioner of Immigration, Seattle, authorizing the admission through the port of Blaine, Washington, of HO KOM TONG, a Chinese Banker and Merchant Section 6 Traveller, Visa No. 37/1924, American Consulate General, Hongkong, China, travelling through the United States to England via New York, this letter is forwarded to you for your information.

This gentleman is to be admitted at Blaine on the assumption that an affirmative reply will be received from Washington to our telegram under date of May 9th., as follows:

"Vancouver, B.C., May 9, 1924.

Bureau of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

By parthian order Commissioner Seattle request port of Blaine be opened admission Ho Kom Tong destined London, England, via New York high class Chinese banker and merchant Hong Kong previously admitted Seattle April twenty seventh nineteen twenty two stop Gentleman going to England by express command of King to be honored for services. stop holds section six travellers certificate Consul Hong Kong vouches for high standing.

Boyd. "

Mr. HO KOM TONG will leave Vancouver at 8 A.M. May 10, travelling via Seattle on G.N. 359, and will be accompanied by Mr. Shedd of the American Express Company of Seattle, Washington.

John P. Boyd
Acting Inspector in Charge.

JPB.
Incl.

Copy respectfully forwarded to Commissioner of Immigration Seattle, Wash., for his information. Copy of American Consul General's letter to this office attached in addition to original, forwarded to Blaine for transmission to your office.

JPB.

John P. Boyd
John P. Boyd.
Acting Inspector in Charge

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

HONGKONG, April 17, 1924.

Inspector in Charge,
U.S. Immigration Service,
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith precis in the cases of Chinese of the exempt class, as per memorandum below, who expect to land at your port from the SS. "Empress of Australia", leaving here on April 18, 1924.

These documents are being forwarded to you, as the holders of the certificates are not decided at which port they will make entry into the United States.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

(Sgd) William H. Gale,
Consul General.

Precis enclosed;
1. Ho Kom Tong
2. Kwik Siang Go

MW:CWT.
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Hongkong, April 17, 1924.

Precis in re HO KOM TONG
Section 6 Traveller, visa No. 37/1924.

Certificate issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs at Hongkong on March 28, 1924.

Visa by the undersigned granted on April 11, 1924.

Data as follows appear in the certificate: Deformed first finger on right hand. Date of Birth: September 16, 1888. Height 5 feet 4 inches. Compradore, 1884 to 1909, Hongkong 25 years. Capitalist and banker since 1909, Hongkong 15 years. Residence: No. 7 Lower Castle Road, Hongkong. Financial standing: Two and half million dollars Hongkong currency. Duration of stay in the United States: passing through to London, England.

Bearer's birthplace: Hongkong.

Bearer's nationality: British. Holds British passport No. 3810

Reference in the United States: American Express Co., Seattle, Washington. Plans for travel in the United States: Passing through to London, England, to attend the British Empire Exhibition.

Consular investigation and remarks. The applicant is a wealthy and distinguished merchant of Hongkong. Permission to visit the United States was granted him once before, on April 27, 1923.

Date of Departure by	April 18, 1924
steamship:	Empress of Australia
Port of arrival:	Vancouver, B.C.

Photograph
attached to original.

(Sgd) William H. Gale
Consul General.

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May 25, 1922.

Leighton Hope,
Oxford, Miss.

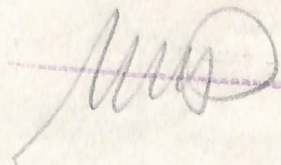
Sir:

This is to inform you that Ho Kom Tong arrived yesterday with his family, and that all were promptly landed. It was necessary for the servant to give bond, but as authority therefor had been obtained in advance the family was not delayed on this account.

Respectfully,
Not copy as signed by
Luther Weedon.

Commissioner MAY 26 1922

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May 25, 1922.

Leighton Hope,
Oxford, Miss.

Sir:

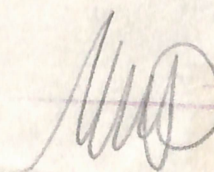
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Respectfully,

Commissioner signed by
Arthur W. Woodin.

HAN:AMB

Mailed MAY 26 1922



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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION SEATTLE WASH

FAMILY OF HO KOM TONG ARE ARRIVING ON KEYSTONE STATE I DONT
KNOW JUST WHAT MEMBERS THE FAMILY IS THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST
PROGRESSIVE IN HONGKONG I KNOW THEM WELL I AM SURE ANY STATEMENT
OR AGREEMENTS AS TO SERVANTS ON THE FAMILY MAY BE RELIED ON THEY
ARE THE TYPE OF CHINESE PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO EVERY
CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE UNDER THE LAW I WILL REASONABLY APPRECIATE
ANY COURTESIES THAT YOU CAN SHOW THEM PLEASE SEE THAT THEY ARE
COURTEOUSLY TREATED IN EVERY WAY

LEIGHTON HOPE..

TRIP STATE

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

Precis in re HO KOM TONG
Section 6 Traveller, Visa No.68/1922

Certificate issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs at Hongkong on April 24, 1922.

Visa granted by this Consulate General on April 27, 1922.

Data as follow appear in the certificate: Justice of the Peace Hongkong. Deformed first finger right hand. Date of birth: September 16, 1868. Height: 5 feet, 3 inches. Compradore, 1884 to 1909, Hongkong, twenty five years. Capitalist and banker, since 1909, Hongkong, thirteen years. Residence: No. 7 Lower Castle Road, Hongkong. Financial standing: two and a half million dollars Hongkong currency. Duration of stay in the United States: six months.

Bearer's birthplace: Hongkong
Bearer's nationality: British

Family: Applicant is married to Cheng Shee, aged 32. She will accompany applicant to the United States.

Reference in the United States: Asia Banking Corporation, San Francisco and New York.

Plans for travel in the United States: Will visit most of the large cities in the United States. Will proceed from Seattle to San Francisco and from that city will go to Chicago, New York and other cities in the eastern seaboard.

Consular investigation and remarks: Mr. Ho is well known to the members of the staff of this Consulate. He is one of the most prominent Chinese of this City.

Date of departure: May 4, 1922
By steamship: KEYSTONE STATE
Port of arrival: Seattle, Washington.



[Signature]
Consul General.